



**U.S. Department of Justice**

*United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York*

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*United States District Courthouse  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601*

May 18, 2021

**BY ECF AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Nelson S. Román  
United States District Judge  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, NY 10601

**RE: *United States v. Chukwuemeka Okparaeké*, S4 17 Cr. 225 (NSR)**

Dear Judge Román:

On May 14, 2021, approximately seven months after his guilty pleas in this case and 1.5 weeks before his sentencing submission deadline, the defendant filed a motion to withdraw his guilty pleas to Counts One and Three of the above-referenced Information and to request a *Fatico* hearing. (Dkt. No. 175). The Government is in receipt of the Court's order dated May 14, 2021, and respectfully requests an additional week to respond to the defendant's motion. If this request is granted, the Government will file its response on or before May 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

AUDREY STRAUSS  
United States Attorney

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Grossman", is located above the typed name of the Assistant United States Attorneys.

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